

SQUAT IT

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KENNETT OR CAIN Its all the same

EQUAT IT. - ELECTION 1996

WHAT'S HAPPENING

21st/6th

* ♀ squatting MOH MT rings up wanting to know her rights - it's hard not to be cynical..

23/6

* 4 more enquiries from potential squatters
* 2 MT's phoned in.

24/6

* Squat in West Melbourne threatened with eviction...but the council never comes back. Renovations couldn't have been as urgent as they said.

27th/6th

* Police evict squatters from PMA place in Port Melbourne to leave it mt
* ♀ fucks off from MOH place owing rent cause they won't do repairs finds a place to squat
* Jurno from The Sun wants the dirty MOH and their treatment of squatters. Lies and violence make good headlines.

29/6

* Front page again!!! Article in Northcote leader about work for the dole... probably due to our protest.

Last day of June

* ♀ squatting one of the many MOH MT's in Laverton told to move out as house was finally to be used to house someone 3 weeks later its still MT

5/7

* squatter in MOH MT sneakily escapes eviction...he wasn't home when the thugs showed up. It's amazing his belongings are still in one piece.

15/7

* Koorie Construction take up residence at the Fire Station.
* ♀ squats yet another MOH MT in broady..knew several squats in the area....most without any hassles.

19/7

* ♀ and kids having waited 2 yrs for priority accommodation from MOH (hate to see what they'd do in an emergency) after living in their car for the last 3 months get fed up and squat.

22/7

* Anti (Chilean) Bond (AGE) demo. Effigies burnt in lieu of the real thing.

25/7

* BLF demo outside the Supreme court against the police raid Oct. '87. 150 strong.

* ♀ evicted from mt shed at the back of a rented house. Landleech decided to evict the tenants too that'll teach 'em to harbour squatters.- endanger my profits will you

* warehouse threatened with eviction visit from friendly demolishers turns out to be a hoax, but it will be sold off in about 2 months - Collingwood needs another brothel.

29/7

* Jurno from Sunday Press wants SU opinion on MOH houses left mt on average about 3 months between tenants - paperwork takes a long time, especially in triplicate.

First day of August

* MOH thugs hanging around Lawn Crescent Estate in Braybrook, making life difficult for squatters got nothing better to do.....

* Another squat opens in W.Melb.

2/8

* New squatting group starts up in Sydney. The liberals don't give people many other options (nor do any of the others for that matter)

3/8

* Rally Against Thatcher - gives the bitch a taste of her own medicine. see page 8 for the juicy details.

6/8

* YPND Hiroshima Day gig at the Fire Station.

8/8

* Channel 10 interview SU members about street kids living in mt building in the city. Good on 'em- not that they have much choice on \$25 a week.

10/8

* Squat in Frankston evicted... so the house can remain mt. Fuck that - house is re-squatted.

11/8

* Squat in West Melb. evicted to do renovations. 3 weeks later progress is amazingly slow - all they seem to have done is board up the house. Evictees squat another mt just around the corner.

16/8

* Squat opens in St Kilda.
* Owner of house in Frankston calls-pissed off that the house he keeps mt for investment purposes is being squatted - makes you feel real sorry for him eh?

24/8

* Yet another squat opens in Dallas. There are so many squatters out there now that the army are having to come to agreements with them - especially those with kids. Go for it!

25/8

* New squat opens in Carlton

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* Another army mt put to good use.

28/8

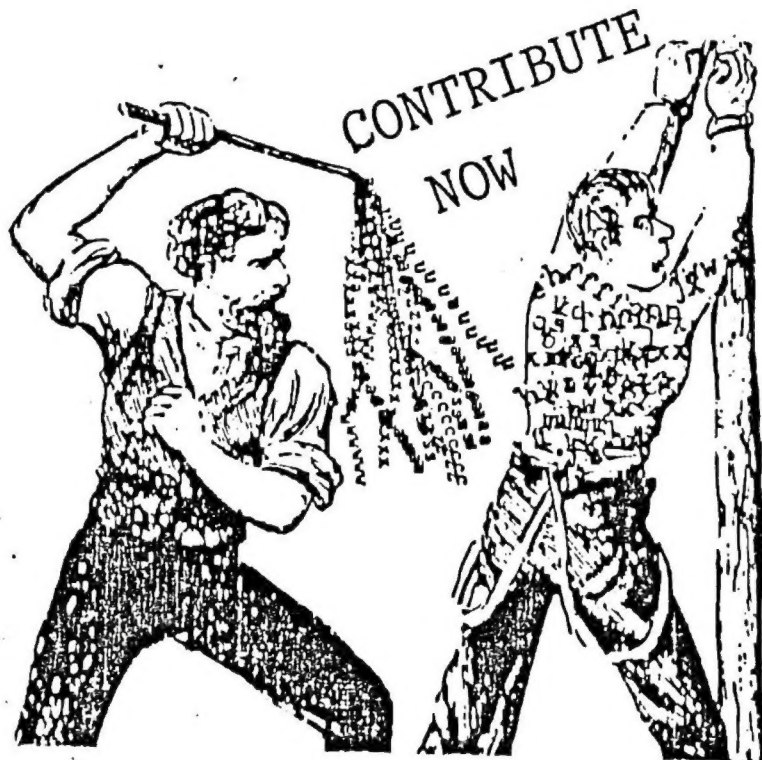
* No Home Show....for all the exciting details see page 22

30/8

* Survey finds rents in melbourne have risen by 18% over last year. How much did your dole rise eh?

2/9

* Squatters evicted from their home in W.M. Pigs show their concern for the children's welfare - not only did they find the owner so they could evict them but they got their thrills from interrogating an 8 yr old (with out her mother present) and threatening to take her away....see page 14



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WHY VOTE?

Why Vote.....hmmmm....why vote indeed!

So that we prop up the very system that exploits us, perverts our demands, steals our money, time and lives...in exchange for what?!...the right to vote away our power for another 3 years??? This very act of voting, convincingly portrayed to us as our 'right', our 'freedom', our 'democracy is, in fact, the very process that leaves us open to the greed, manipulation and exploitation of the governments, multinationals, rich and powerful the rich and powerful, raising them to a position of omnipotent power; the power to decide our lives for us, based around their profiteering schemes - decisions which (apart from our brief encounter with the ballot paper) we have no control over, and no legitimate [read:institutionalised] method of comeback.

NO answerability, NO recallability (until the next 'democratic' election) and ultimately NO control over our lives!



"SO WHAT IS THE ALTERNATIVE??!", I HEAR YOU CRY,
"TO THIS SYSTEM OF INJUSTICE WE FIND OURSELVES
TRAPPED IN??!.....READ ON....."

The answer, of course, is simple
So simple that it strikes fear into
the deepest corners of the exploiters
hearts, turns their blood to ice, and
makes them shudder at the mere mention
of it.

ANARCHY.....for all your 'social ills!

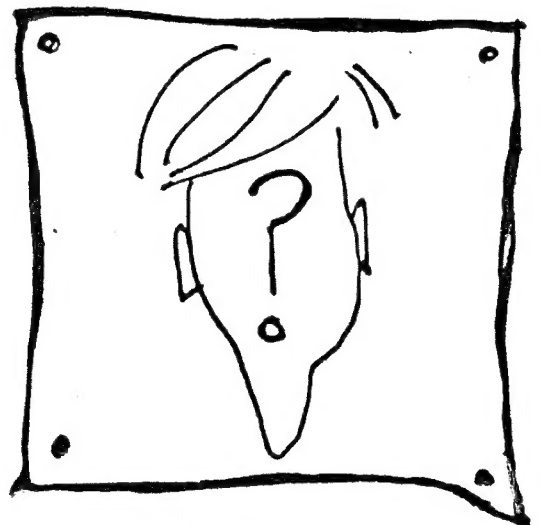
At our fingertips is a system, not
chaotic (as the present powers would
have you believe) but so fair, so
just, so pure in it's democracy; that
we must have been fools to have over-
looked it for so long.

A system based on harmony - between
people and people, between people and
the planet - A system of production
and distribution based on need, not
greed, and operated thru the free and
voluntary federation of autonomous
groups/communities, using equal decision
making structures (ie. consensus)
with general assemblies as the forum
for discussion and decisions - and
a system of delegation (rather than
the present 'representation') to
carry out the decisions.

The delegates (unlike the politicians
now vying for political power) hold
NO power and, therefore, cannot
gain from their positions, except
that which is gained thru the fulfillment
of their communities own
decisions regarding it's needs and
wants - thru the co-operation of
individuals and the free federation.



The Federation, with it's co-ordination and 'administrative' positions divorced of the power inherent in the present greed based system is the alternative, and can only be achieved by the rejection of this, so called 'democratic' farce and the refusal to give away our power thru the election of politicians: exploiters of people and the planet, motivated only by self importance, greed, and the lust for power.



NOBODY KNOWS WHAT'S GOOD
FOR YOU!

The star witness in the Fitzgerald commission into police corruption in Qld. has now appeared. Jack Herbert has admitted that corruption and verballing were and are widespread in the Qld. police... and that verballing was commonplace in the Victorian and British police.

It's not very suprising really, anyone who's been arested knows that the police fabricate evidence in almost every case - and that the courts lap up every lie. The not very amusing thing about the Fitzgerald farce, is that only a few officers are being sacrificed when the corruption seems to have been ingrained in the make up of the force. What does it matter if the face of the chief cop changes if the situation stays the same. The inquiry will voluntarily disband at the end of the year - it's task supposedly completed ... no mention of police involvement in smack dealing, no plans to end the verbals or the bashings and deaths ... just a new face on the 6 o'clock news...

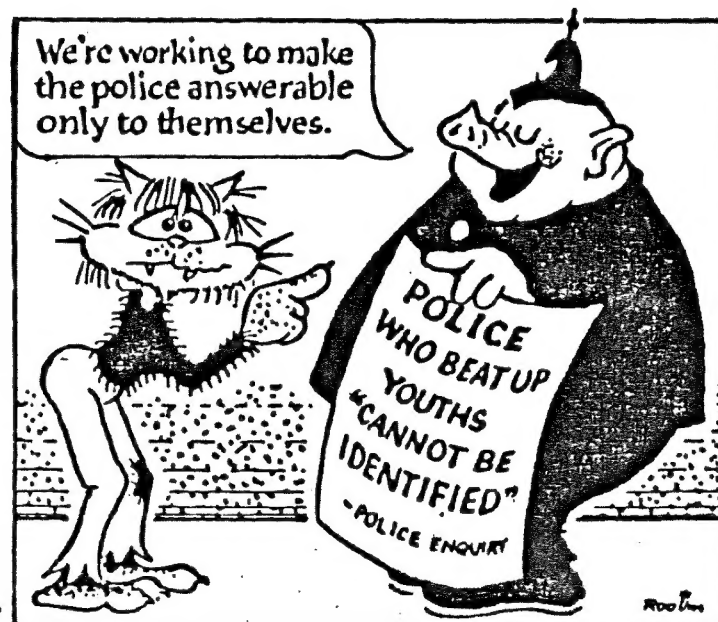
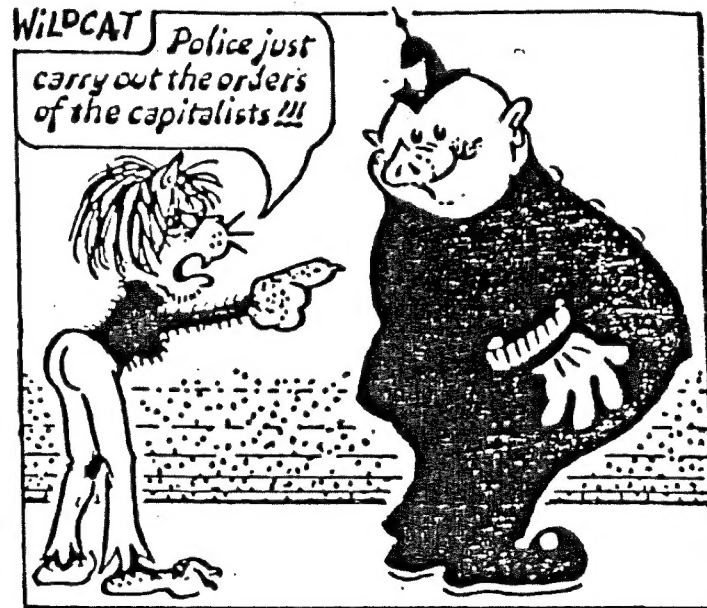
Maggots only eat dead flesh - Jack Herbert is the maggot in the corrupt flesh of the Queensland Police - only dobbing in a few stooges to be sacrificed while the living corruption goes on...

MEANWHILE IN VICTORIA...

The government here avoided such problems by abolishing the only independent body of inquiry into the police - despite the obvious sham of the police investigating themselves at Internal Investigations being exposed by statistics such as the 2.4% validation rate by IID of accusations of police assault.

[the now abolished Police Complaints Authority used to investigate the police independently if victims of police violence were unhappy with the police's own internal investigation.]

The media and the boss class here are happy with the pigs. They don't favour one section of the capitalists like the SP bookmakers and pimps in Queensland... and they proved themselves to be loyal slaves in smashing the BLF - thereby ensuring massive profits for the builders and speculators in the last hi-rise boom. 6



CORRUPTION...

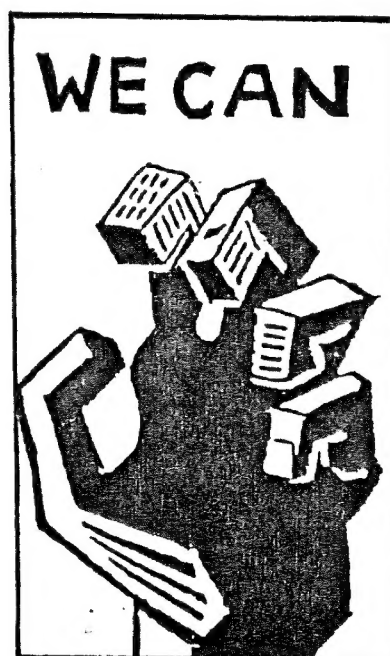
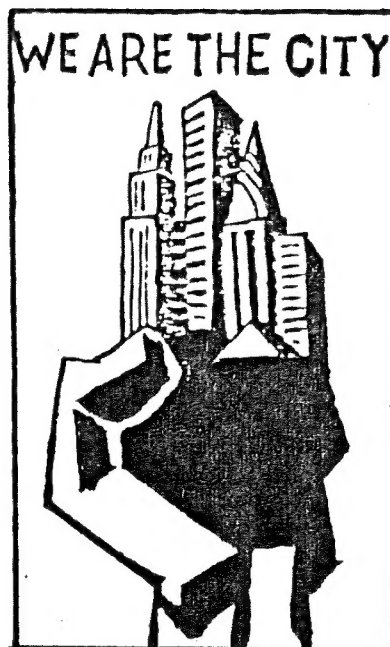
Despite Labor's concession to the filth of disbanding the PCA, along with the first ever use of Anti-demonstrator mace gas[against the BLF crane sitters] and new legislation which allowed people to have their finger prints taken and/or be held for more than 6 hours, the police still want more weapons in their arsenal of repression and are going to extreme lengths to get them.

[the new powers of fingerprinting and holding for more than 6 hours can only be approved individually by a magistrate -so don't be fooled - ...the police want unlimited finger printing, photographing and holding powers and the right to demand names and addresses on the street with proof via ID. ... from what I saw today they also want to hassle out under 16 year olds for smoking...]

The Police Association[their union] is using 'retired' police[once a pig always a pig, eh?] to distribute an election pamphlet outlining party positions on police powers. This is the first time the police have formally entered into politics [apart from smashing up demos] ...but it won't be the last time...

No doubt the cops are calling on their Neighbourhood Watch informer network to boost this campaign. Evidence that this has happened was presented in Squat It #13 ... basically the police use a police funded community group called VOCAL to pursue an aim of more powers, while VOCAL presents itself as caring for victims of crime. While the police cannot talk politics in N-Watch meetings, their mates in VOCAL can and do...

PS. have you noticed the cute little ads for police and capitalist media co-operation... one is reprinted below....



SOLIDARITY

Maggie Mobbed in Melbourne mall!



On the 3rd of August, Maggie Thatcher and her sidekick [Dennis] narrowly missed getting a taste of what she, her govt, and the British ruling class have been dishing out to the British working class for the past few years; a solid beating.

Stepping out of their chauffeur driven car, at the entrance to the Bourke St mall, they were greeted, not by a fanfare and crowd of flag waving patriots - but by a very angry mob of demonstrators: angry at the treatment of our fellow workers overseas and also at Thatcher's gall in showing her face in Melb.

Judging by the intense reaction to her initial appearance, it was not hard to imaginethat, had we been

given the opportunity (AND been more organised) we would have happily torn her limb from limb - taking a few Oz 'bobbies' heads along the way.

Only 50 or 60 strong (the other 1 or 2 thousand opting to wait for the more 'dignified' [read: safer] and 'organised' rally previously planned for 6pm), what the group lacked in size we certainly made up for in determination.

From the moment the Thatchers stepped out of the car, to the moment they retreated to the safety of the Arts Centre, they were surrounded by a loud, aggressive crowd, who dogged their every step thru the mall and the 'Walk' arcade to the 'Body Shop' in Little Collins St (an english enterprise - and a possible target for future anti-Thatcherism actions?) bombarding them with constant chants

and slogans in support of gays, squatters, unemployed, the IRA, and the working class and oppressed in general.

Throughout the action, Victoria's 'finest' were hard pressed to keep us under control, only succeeding due to our lack of co-ordination, rather than their 'crowd control' abilities.

However, Maggie & co. didn't come out of the fray completely unscathed, as some enterprising individual made excellent use of a handful of dirt from the mall gardens, a few cigarette ends narrowly missed their mark & a few long range spits didn't miss at all!!! - Certainly a welcome they wont soon forget!!!.

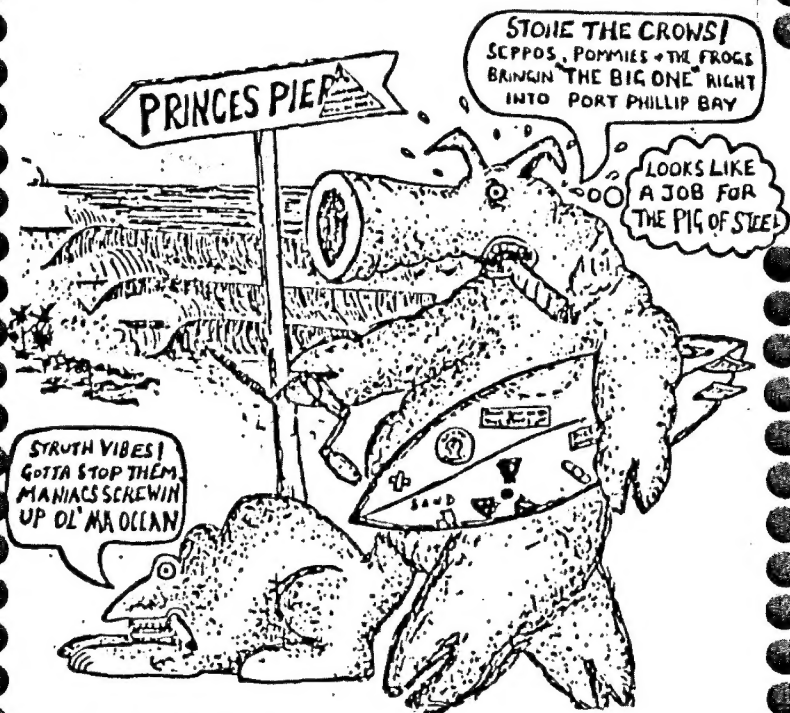
Had we, in fact, been more co-ordinated and cohesive as a group, who knows what may have been possible, as if it had come to 'push meets shove' we, by far, outnumbered the coppers on hand.....an opportunity missed....but, hopefully, a few lessons learned: Spontaneity is all very well, but to be effective we must ALSO be organised.



The rally that followed at 6pm was the predictable 'dignified' and 'respectable' protest, right down to the orderly march through the streets to the Arts Centre where Maggie and her co-exploiters were being wined and dined (with the rally providing, I'm sure, an 'amusing' floorshow) and the acceptable chants such as "Maggie, Maggie, Maggie - Out! Out! Out!.

One sometimes wonders who's side these 'Left' groups are on.... with them as allies, 'agent provocateurs' are the least of our worries!!!

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'PROFITS NOT PEOPLE'

Whoever wins the state election, the next few years will see increasing attacks on ordinary people's rights and living standards...

If Labour wins, we'll see more shams like Youth Guarantee [of everything except a living wage and a home], more job cuts in public transport, more police on the streets with greater powers and more evictions of public tenants for rental arrears etc, etc. And any fight-back against these cuts will be undermined by pro ALP union bureaucrats...

And if the Liberals win, apart from Kennetts rotting toenails from his foot in mouth disease, we'll see more job cuts in transport etc, more police with greater powers, more evictions of public tenants from a privatized public housing sector and schemes like Thatcher's Youth Training Scheme using unemployed people as cheap labour... and pro ALP union bureaucrats will undermine the struggle [as in NSW] by telling us to wait til the next election to vent our anger and re-elect an ALP government...

Of course for squatters the election results will make little difference as the police already play a completely politicized role by notifying owners when squats get set up...

So what do we do?

Supporting the Socialist Left of the ALP is an option often bandied around... but their performance under Cain has been pretty shitful, excluding motions passed at ALP conferences ad nauseum and ignored by Cain and Crabb.

Nor is not voting a real solution either although it doesn't hurt in the short term.

Our real defence lies in organization... that way if we don't like what the government is dishing out, then we don't need to grovel to the nearest negotiating table but we can make our demands and take action to get them. It's not an easy solution but then winning a self managed socialist society is as much a cakewalk as Collingwood winning the premiership... [you can't say we don't talk about footy in Squat it eh?]



THE UGLY NIGHT REDFERN EXPLODED

Seems like the Sydney coppers , and the Tactical Response Group (nice name for a riot squad) bit more than they could chew when, on the 27th of August, they provoked a riot in Redfern.

After recklessly driving down Caroline Street (Redfern) , chasing a young aborigine 'accused' of bag snatching (the complainant was nowhere to be found....) the coppers found themselves confronted by a group of about 20 residents, mostly teenagers returning from the pub, or parties, who gathered to find out what was going on.

A short time later , after the initial confrontation about 50 police armed with batons, riot gear and tear gas (on stand-by) assembled at the end of Caroline Street , formed three lines and charged down the street lashing out with batons at anything that moved. The response was immediate and spontaneous ,with residents hurling missiles such as bricks and bottles at the police.

Police charged three times , trampling innocent by-standers underfoot , kicking many as they lay on the ground.

With a fourth charge they succeeded in chasing the crowd , now much larger (as more people joined in), down Louis Lane only to return 10 minutes later , retreating frantically with hands covering their heads to protect themselves from the storm of bricks and bottles.

Residents of Caroline Street, both white and black including a catholic nun , were unanimous in their condemnation of police handling of the

situation. "It was like Sth Africa", one resident said , " it was like a war: it seemed like the police were on a practice run and didn't care who they hurt."

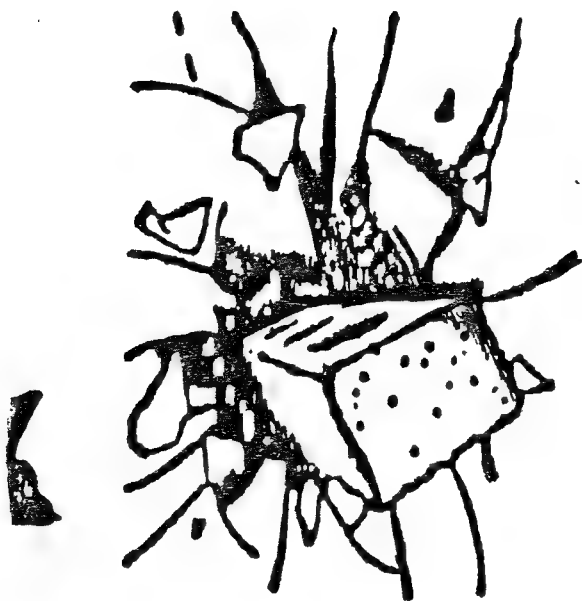
The battles in Everleigh Street lasted for about an hour with at least 30 police and 100 aborigines being involved at its peak.



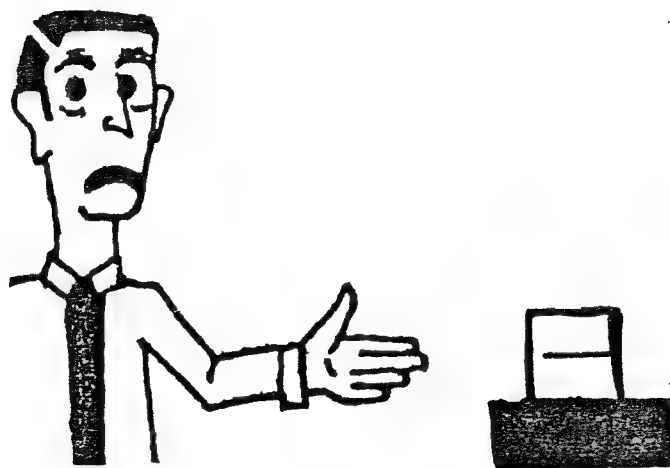
The windscreen of a police car attacked by the 'mob'

11 police were injured in the fray with two having to face surgery and a police car copped a serious battering including a smashed windscreen. Five people have been charged with various offences including assaulting police, resisting arrest, violent and disorderly behaviour, offensive conduct, malicious damage and affray. In the aftermath, the police beauracrats, aided by the Murdoch media, are attempting to lay the blame on Redfern's community and inferring that there were outside agitators'. All bullshit aimed at covering up an incident that was obviously provoked by the police through their vicious, over zealous and continual harrassment of the Redfern community.

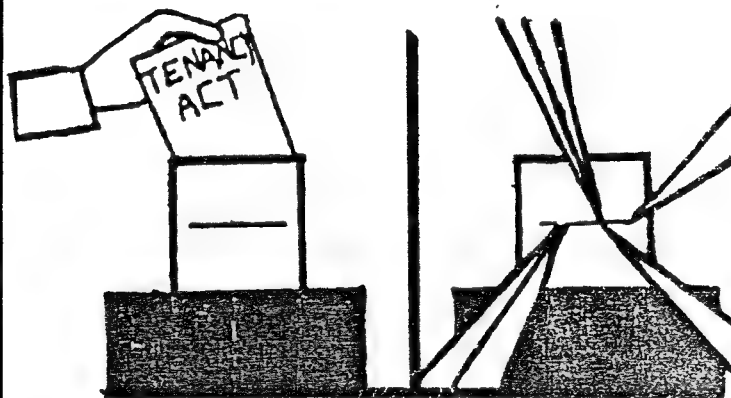
After years of victimisation, black deaths in custody, continual police intimidation and arrests, it's small wonder that the Redfern community finally reacted, a justified and well overdue response to a system of racism bigotry and hatred.



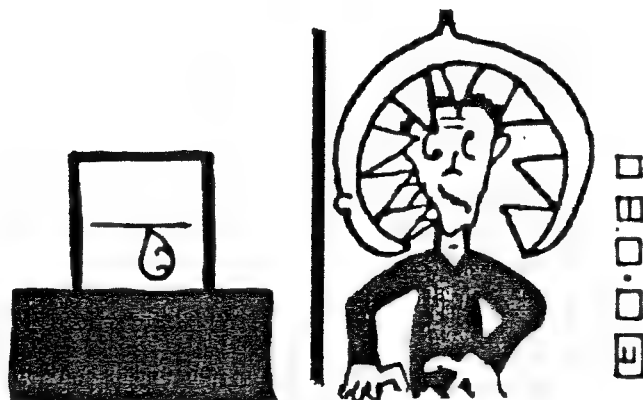
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Cops love kids...

The sky clouded over, the rain came down and it rocked the police. It was our day. The main concern of the eviction was the two children. Not that the house was not clean, not that there were drugs, not that there was any moral or welfare danger but the fact that the children would learn how to subvert the system by being squatters. The older girl was interrogated alone by four male cops, brought to tears and very frightened having been woken up by them.

The rundown was that the mother would either face losing the children at court or accept accommodation provided by the community police. This accommodation was to be a woman's refuge.

The family including a rabbit, was to be taken to the station to be further interrogated and shunted off to the refuge with no chance to organize their belongings which were on the street in the

pouring rain and no chance to see their friends or housemates. Protests that the refuge would not be a suitable home for a deviant but otherwise happy family and suggestions that there was a legitimate rented house available convinced the cops that the family could be freed on probation. They were to be escorted immediately to the said rented house, it and its occupants were to be inspected on the spot and at future unspecified times. When they all arrived at the house there was no-one home, luckily, so the family was left on the street in the rain...

So here they are being "helped" by the community police. On one side of town are all their belongings on the street in the rain and on the other side of town there they are on the street in the rain being farewelled with quips such as "if you ever need anything don't hesitate to call us. "Weird".



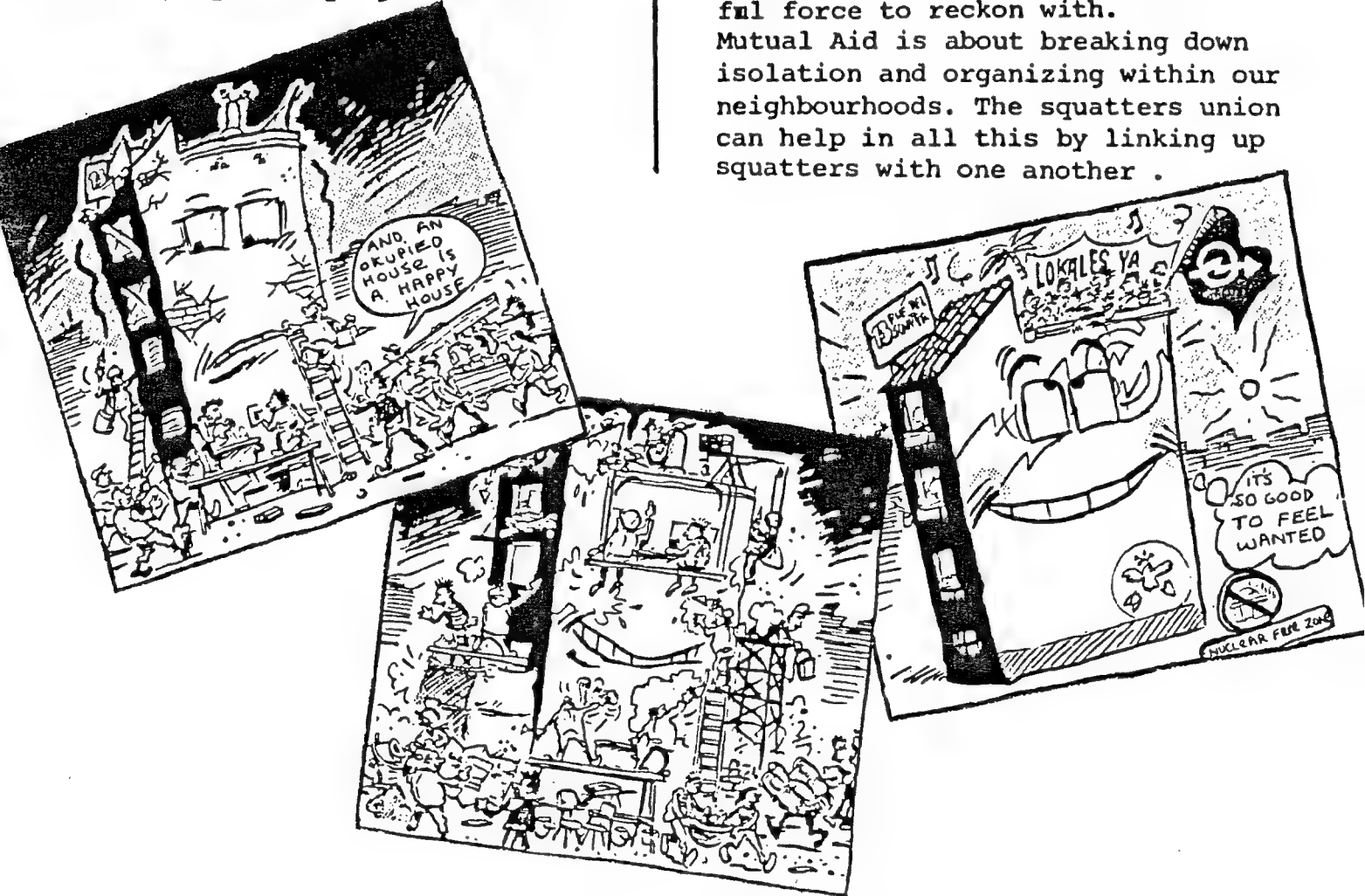
Safe as Houses!!!

One of the most important aspects of squatting (or indeed to survive within this oppressive system where the rich own the land and just about everything else) is solidarity.

Squatters are much stronger and stand much more of a chance of being able to maintain motivation to keep squatting if they have support from other squatters and tenants. Mutual Aid is a formal title for the informal notion of people helping each other.

A support group is essential during an eviction. If you want to resist an eviction, the more people in or outside the house the better. This kind of mass support can put pressure on the landlord to change his or her mind and negotiate. Of course squatters are not the only people who get evicted from houses. So forming organized groups whereby we recognize that we are all being done over by the land-leeches, we can become a more powerful force to reckon with.

Mutual Aid is about breaking down isolation and organizing within our neighbourhoods. The squatters union can help in all this by linking up squatters with one another.



There are many ways we can set up a system of self-management in our own neighbourhoods. A good start can be to introduce yourself to neighbours and try to find where other squatters and sympathetic people in your neighbourhood are. A good idea is to establish a 'safe-house', a secure squat or rented house where you know you can stay if you get evicted. Squatters in exchange could help in subsidising rent.

So if you are interested in starting up a squatters and tenants Mutual Aid group in your area, give the S.U. a ring, we might be able to help get the ball rolling. There is more than an element of truth in the saying "there's strength in numbers". The only chance we have of surviving in this system is if we start to help ourselves, because if we wait for the government to help us we will be waiting forever.

MET SHOP MEETS IT'S MATCH

On the 18th of August, members of the Public Transport Users Support Group joined tram and rail workers to protest against the opening of the Met Shop in Elizabeth St (Melb) which we see as another step towards the abolition of tram conductors.

At 8:30 in the morning, amidst the farcical atmosphere of sizzling snags, gimmicky giveaways and green and gold balloons, about 20 people gathered to make it clear that we weren't going to passively stand by and let OUR public transport system be run into the ground for the sake of the money hungry profit bludgers who have [for the moment...] control of the industry.

At about 10am we were join by drivers and connies from Sth Melb., who, after a stopwork meeting, decided to hold a 1 day strike against the Met Shop and to march on, and picket, the opening.

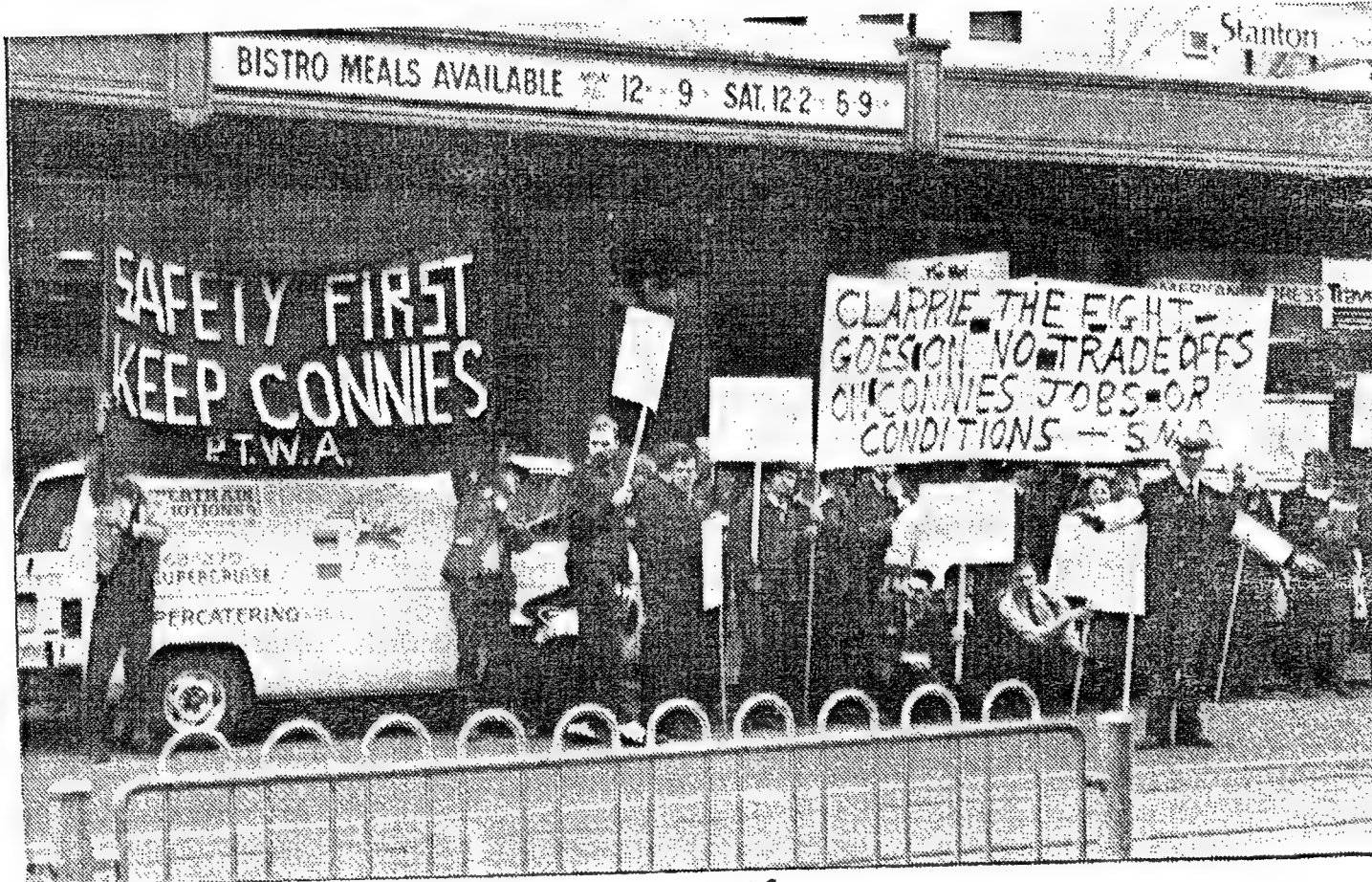
With this huge growth in numbers, we became a force to be reckoned with and

gave 'Potsy' Kemnan a rousing raspberry when he arrived to 'officially' open the shop.

Amidst yells of "scab", "sellout", and other more descriptive terms, Potsy scuttled in, 'officiated' and scuttled out again as fast as he could - heading for the safety of his ministry where he could, once again, feel powerful amongst the bowing and scraping of his 'Yes Sir' staff and sidekicks.

Meanwhile, sick of the sight of green and gold balloons, and sure that we had made our point, we took to the streets - first for a march around the city centre and then in search of some answers from the noticeably (through-out the whole mornings activities) absent union officials.

Upon reaching the tramways union of office, we failed to find any of the 'prestigious' leaders but, however, did find plenty of renovations taking place explaining, so a number of workers remarked, where the union dues were



being directed.

Finally we did succeed in unearthing Rohan Byrnes, the latest addition to the union beauracracy, who claimed "...he could not make any public statement at this time..." but faced with an angry crowd of rank and file members was forced to make a non-committal statement to the press in an effort to save face.

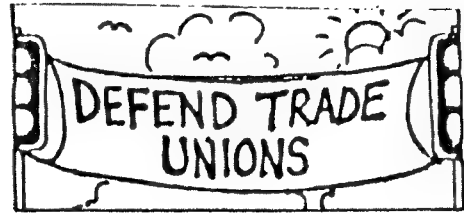
From there we went to the ATMOEA HQ where Shea (Director of the MET) failed to buy off the workers with assurances that there was no plans to get rid of connies...YET!

The day ended with all of us going to the guards depot in Batman Ave (City) to talk to the guards (also under attack - with serious changes to their job structure being proposed) about the need for united action in the face of the constant attacks on all sections of the industry, and the need to break down the barriers between the different worker groups - barriers erected by the bosses and union officialdom: working hand in hand to assure their own parasitical positions.

The day was a huge success, and highly unique in that the action was initiated purely by the workers and transport users, proving that they are obviously able to organise amongst themselves with no need for the union beauracrats or politicians - who sell them out at every turn anyway!!

Necessary links were formed between different sections of the transport industry, as well as between the workers and service users - thus paving the way for future worker/community based actions...continuing the fight for a decent, safe and efficient transport service.

GET ORGANISED!.....
FIGHT BACK!!!.....



When some of their mates
were stood down 8 days
ago for not signing the
new contracts - 180
workers at HOYTS went
ON STRIKE

THEY NEED YOUR SOLIDARITY.

Join the picket lines at
Chadstone or the City....
.... ALL DAY EVERYDAY.....



Members of the Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees Association employed by the Hoyts Corporation are on strike. This includes Box Office Staff, Ushers, Cleaners and Projectionists.

We apologise for the inconvenience, however this action has been taken because of Hoyts actions in:

- Refusing to honour an industrial Agreement freely reached with the Union in May
- Refusing to obey Arbitration Commission rulings
- Refusing to negotiate with our Union and attempting to harass and threaten us into breaking the Agreement
- Standing down members who are abiding by the Agreement
- Threatening members in their employment if they refuse to sign personal "labour contracts" which give away our democratic right to be in the Union

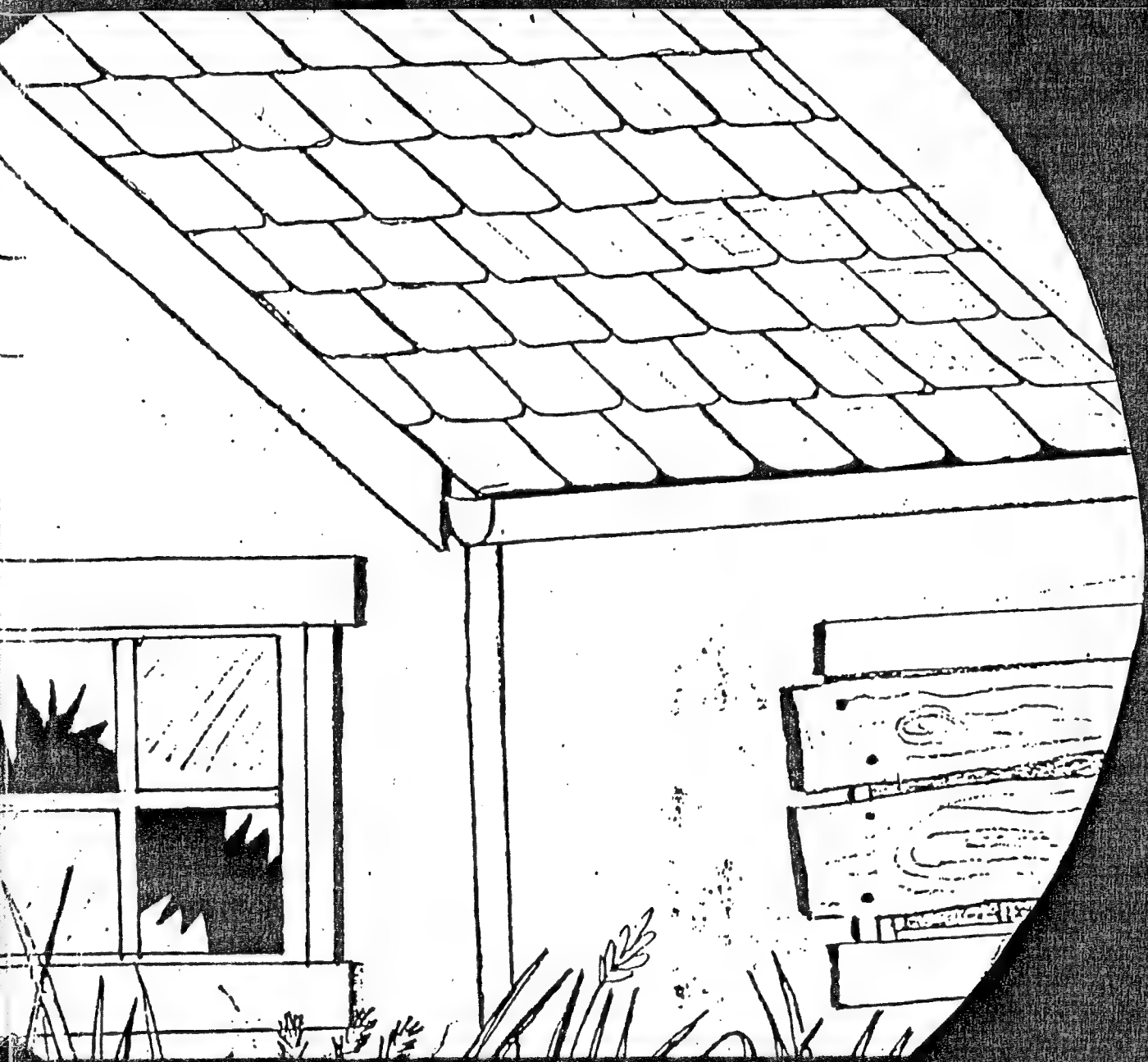
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CHARITY-IN-CHAINS




The most obscene, disgusting and generally fucked thing I witnessed was the daily dumping of blankets, clothes etc at the tip. I spent an hour in the back of the truck and got a huge bag full doona's, jumpers, shoes and more. Tonnes of such things are dumped daily by this pack of pious bastards while people freeze on the street. The reason all these things are dumped is that they can't be sold and to give them away would undercut their market and lose them too much money so the fat arrogant captains and majors in the salvos who run around sucking gods cock would no longer be paid or be able to feed their obscene faces with food stolen from the poor. So while people freeze and die on the street these hypocrites are dumping tonnes of essential clothes and blankets at the tip, at the same time screaming that they're broke.

Another rort these religious slime bags get into is housing people and taking as much money off them as possible in the process. There is a fairly big complex opposite the factory, where people stay, many who work there and some others. It's a great bargain, for \$150. per fortnight you get a room smaller than a jail cell that's painted grey and fed three meals a day. The meals are disgusting, they are bland, of no nutritional value and the vegetables are old and a soggy mess. Most of the food and a lot of other things are given to them because it's tax deductible so the salvo's get it close to free while the people staying there are paying for it. The conditions of living there are absurd, you can have no women in your room and have to be back at midnight or you're locked out. The salvation army officers have keys to every room and can walk in at anytime. So if you're homeless consider staying there and getting ripped off by these pathetic slaves of a god they created in their own sickened minds.

Recently I had the pleasure of working for the salvation army, thanks to the help of the courts. The experience was an eye opener to the ways of the salvo's. The work involved a variety of things as I was working at their factory in collingwood, the factory restores furniture, sorts books, clothes etc out, repairs salvation army drop bins, picks up and delivers furniture etc. A lot of the labour there is directed there by the courts, one guy I met there had to live and work there for two years, if he left he went to jail. There is a big sign at the dining room door saying that anyone doing a C.B.O. or a G.B.H. (court enforced work) was not allowed in the dining room for any reason, all other workers are fed but because we were 'criminals' we should be sitting outside starving. The sign was ignored but it was really offensive to see, so much for all men being treated equally before god.

If people are staying in the hostel/jail and would like more money to survive on because the demanding hand of charity has left them broke they can work for the salvo's too. Work starts at 8 a.m. and goes to 4:30, 5 sometimes 6 days a week. The wage is \$30 per week, pretty



good when you consider the overheads,
loke new uniforms for gods Hitlers,
wages so these hypocritical, self-righteous
slimes can have a car, house and enough
food to eat, not to mention holidays,
entertainment and other neccessary things
these dirt-bags need to satisfy their
religious lust and greed. Most of the
people who work there who are not there
because of the courts are either migrants
or intellectually disadvantaged so can't see
what these bastards are doing to them
in the name of god, charity and greed,
many of them have worked there for
years and will probably die there. Because
the salvo's are religiously based they
don't have to abide by normal working
standards so there is no union and no
protection.

The officers who run the place are a
bunch of authorotarian, arrogant, self-
righteous arse-holes. They march around
in their uniforms, demanding to be addressed
as major, captain or whatever their rank is
ordering people around and watching closely
that no-one takes anything like a shirt
or a book. If you're caught in the shop,
watch out one of these suited wankers
will scream at you as if you've just
committed a murder and push you back into
the workshop. The officers really are a
pain in the arse, they're so full of self
importance and fucked out on god
that they've forgotten what they should
be doing and run around setting up
military hierarchies as if they are
stepping stones to heaven at the same
time oppressing and exploiting anyone who
wanders, dazed accross their path. They
don't care what anyone else is doing, how
they think and have no concept of the
reality of life in poverty or the oppression
this fucked system perpetuates. They'd all
rather grt on with deceiving people with
the shit dribbling from their pious
mouths and extending their hand in
charity then when it's grasped wrapping
the person in chains and turning them
into slaves. So next time some evil smiling
officer knocks on your door, shaking a can
and pouring out tales of how the salvo's
are broke and the good work they do.
Think of what you've just read then
kick the self-righteous, slimy whores of
god in the teeth, take the can and
distribute amongst the needy.

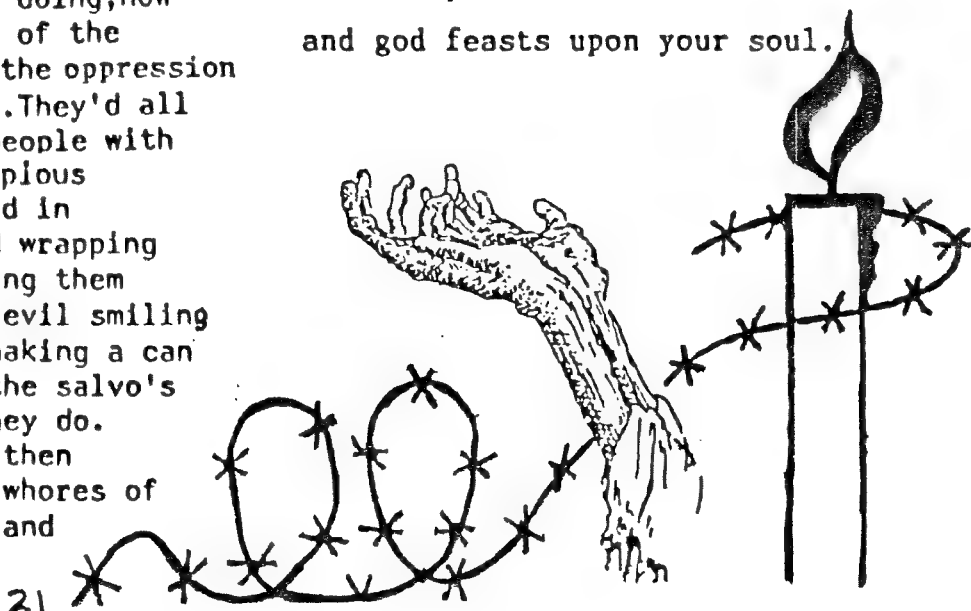


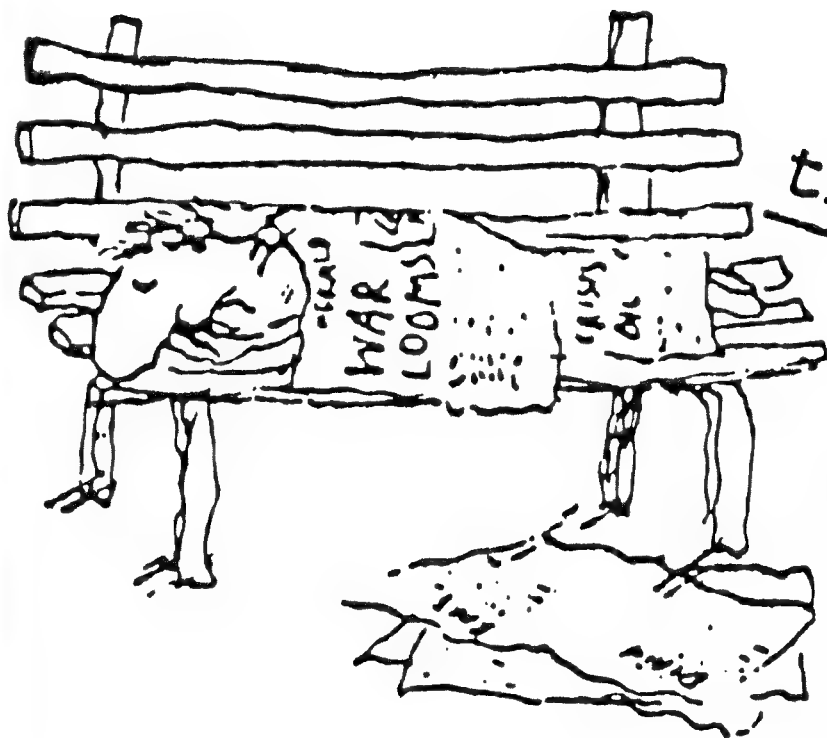
The starving millions told
to fill their begging bowls
with gods poisonous nourishment
festering vile vomit,
words of deception to
keep up the oppression

Take your starving misery
and smile at god's injustice,
brought upon by your imagined sin.
Just hope for paradise,
next time round.

Sacrafice your soul
upon the alter of lies,
take their false spirituality,
let it hide the stark reality
of millions of starving people.

Just close your eyes
and ignore your hunger
for the priest eats well
and god feasts upon your soul.





.....it was

the NO Home Show

Well the NO Home Show has been and gone. One of the annual not-to-be-missed for the serious demo goer and yes this means you've been in Melbourne for yet another year.

This year's highlights included rain, balloons, stickers, soggy pamphlets, cups of tea and a graffiti board for legitimate rebellion.

But the most memorable of the day's events was undoubtedly the debut performance of a truly inspirational play showing the trials and tribulations of squatting life. This compelling drama, "Shelter from pigs on the Wing", written and performed by squatters held the audience captive as it followed the adventures of four homeless people who, when they can no longer bear the cold of sleeping in the streets get fed up with having to shiver so much and squat an empty house. "Squat or DiE" seem the only alternatives.

After cleaning and repairing the house, meeting the neighbours and settling into domestic bliss their paradise is shattered by the grasping tentacles of the "viscious thrashing machine of the system". The MOH, angered at having their lunch hour interrupted, fearing a

reduction in property values and people thinking too much for themselves, order that the squatters are evicted. And, to ensure a realistic portrayal, the filth are enlisted to encourage the process.

Their enthusiasm for the job shows true dedication, and accompanied by MOH zombies, 'We are only doing our job, we are paid to work, we are not meant to think' - and we don't, they try to evict the squatters.

But our heroes have had enough. And to the heartfelt strains of "solidarity forever", dig in their heels, recite powerful revolutionary monologues and fight back.

The ending is yet to be written. The audience were in raptures. The squatters covered in mud after an overly zealous eviction scene. The 2 token members of the force were most impressed, particularly at our ability to goosestep without having done the 12 week training course at the academy. They were so overcome by the eviction scene they almost lost control and joined in.

The fun and frivolities continued well into the afternoon with some rebellious rhythms from Plain Wrap. The supplies of the Melbourne North ASF bookstall were snapped up with interest.

Inside the Exhibition Building the cash registers sang their success as the yuppies perused the possibilities for this year's redecorations. Outside most had drifted home to their television set to see if they were on it.

OLYMPIC OFFAL...

It's that unfortunate time in each leap year when we get assaulted by 2 weeks of non stop Olympic crap on the Tele. Luckily for us, we can turn it off - the people of Seoul aren't so lucky...not that many of them could afford tickets in any case. But they'll still be affected by the 'games'.

South Korea's pigs have been busily cleaning up the capital of it's street vendors and squatter communities in order to present a lovely facade for the olympics - they've also used tear gas and batons to break up any resistance...

The reality of life for the people of Seoul is a wage that doesn't meet the necessities of life, for a job accompanied by world record levels of industrial accidents and 12 hour shifts of unpaid overtime. Attempts to organize have been met with repression including systematic campaigns of sexual harrassment[internal searches] of women activists.

When you add skyrocketing rents caused by an olympic miniboom... the people of South Korea will need to have smiles super glued in place.

Along with this sickening spectacle of circuses without the bread, the bosses will be attempting to brainwash us into thinking that the glory of 'our' athletes is something that all people in Australia share...behind the spectacle of national unity and gold medals lies the fact that 3,000,000 Australians still live in poverty...and that most of 'our' olympic team comes from the ruling class - because private schools groom sporting stars far more than government ones [how many government schools have separate facilities for 7 or more sports and specialist teachers in each of them?].

Now that our leaders are vying with each other for the right to host the Olympics here in 1996...we should tell them to fuck off. We don't want the skyrocketing rents, or the stepping up of policing that go hand in hand with the Olympics and we refuse to participate in a nationalistic flag waving farce...

anti-Olympics riots

600 political prisoners
torture.

Police said security guards arrested a student at the main Olympic stadium yesterday when the student was caught trying to take in about 100 anti-Olympic leaflets. Ashes erupted at Yonsei University in western Seoul when riot police stopped about 600 students from protesting at the arrest of the head of the students' association.

Melbourne a 'no go' area for terrorists

Arrangements under the plan are already regularly tested and updated and planning for the Games would involve discreet positioning and rehearsal of these counter-terrorism measures. The surveillance of trouble makers within Australia would also be intensified before and during the Games.

Dawkins, who came from the marriage of the two largest families of our imperialist squattocracy, has introduced major changes to the education system.

The most obvious one has been the extension of a user pays education system to undergraduates via the Education tax [you pay 20% of a course cost off via the tax you pay later on - or, the rich get a 15% discount for paying up front.] Universities have also been given the go ahead to charge full fees for post-grad. courses, for overseas students and for courses set up with corporate funding. The thin edge of the wedge is rapidly expanding...

Other so called reforms are to include giving some research funding to a supposedly private, 'independent' Bond Uni: giving far more power to the managers of institutions [undermining the 'somewhat imperfect democratic structures in place]: downgrading the teaching of the languages of our working class community in favour of economically viable[!] trade language courses for businessmen: downgrading the socially critical sciences [eg. sociology] in favour of sciences which can receive funding from business [eg. computing]... guess how independent they'll be!

These reforms, along with plans for stupid amalgamations [eg between techs in Hawthorn and Footscray], were put forward in a Green Paper over summer and then photocopied, largely unchanged into the White paper of Government policy this winter.

The bosses press was silent but the fight against these moves has continued, and the 'new' student movement has deepened its militancy and broadened its analysis.

The initiators of the campaign against the white paper have been the rank and file controlled campus based action groups - co-ordinated in the Coalition against Fees [CAF]. For the first time in many years students have fucked off the dead hand of ALP dominated SRCs and unions and taken the fight up to the ALP government.

From the first National Union stop work in Melbourne in April, 6,000 students saw that the bureaucrats of NUS were in it to win - ALP preselection to a safe seat. We were presented with a log of claims, without any proposed further action. An action amendment was moved from the floor and passed but the NUS executive voted it down 4-2.

CAF was formed out of disgust with this sellout, in order to carry out the decision of the mass meeting to have a demo in May. Militant demos in the city on the 11/5 in the city, and the 12/5 at Footscray Institute where 500 students ran

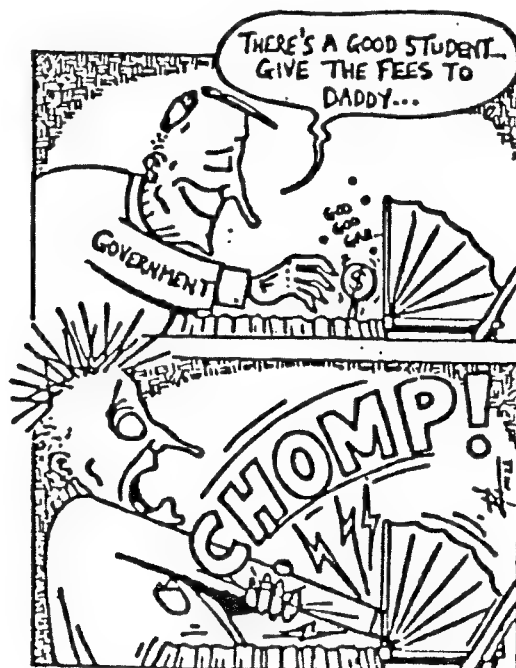
Dawkins off campus, made the Education tax an issue even if they didn't win.

NUS sent their national executive to lobby the ALP at the National ALP Conference in early June. In Melbourne, the NUS hacks belatedly organized for the 7th, a mass 'thank you to John Cain' and 'send telegrams to Hobart' style demo. The students at the demo voted to march on the stock exchange instead, as this was the real center of power rather than parliament house. About 3-400 did, despite the best efforts of the NUS marshals to keep people at the post office.

Since then NUS has organized nothing to fight the white paper or the tax.

Despite CAF's budget being about \$1,000 to NUS's \$200,000++, they managed to organize another 4 actions in Melbourne.

Significant amongst these were the two last ones. On the 9/8 at Melb. Uni 800 students and workers held a stop work meeting-organized by the rank and file Education Action Group. At the stop work meeting clear links were made between the attacks on waged and unwaged workers and those on the education industry. The importance of solidarity was continually stressed. The other main point of the meeting was that the white paper is primarily aimed at destroying one of the last resourced[\$\$]pockets of inquiry and dissent, however reformist or mild in the humanities area. Speakers made the point that for a society to be vibrant and creative, it needed a socially critical education industry or it will stagnate. It seems Capitalism in Australia doesn't even care about its own survival...



FROM THE MAN WHO BOUGHT YOU SKILLSHARE...

The mass meeting marched on the stock exchange and occupied it until its demands that they be allowed to give a press conference on the trading floor were met... which was hardly an earth shattering demand- but the officials there had a blue fit and said no for 3 hours.

A post budget demo was organized for the 26/8 at a conference where Dawkins was to speak... however since Footscray Dawks has avoided talking to students here. Upon hearing of the planned demo his speech was cancelled.

The demo of 250 was attacked by mounted police and forced off the road after 45 minutes of marching round the city by 80 foot and 6 cavalry. It's hardly a record in repression but it showed that the state's patience had snapped.

The movement is now stronger than last year, especially in the numbers of students who've rejected the bureaucrats of NUS. However for the moment activity is winding down with a day of action planned for October 12th and an end of year demo, along with a boycott campaign for the contracts that students will be forced to sign. This winding down is due to a number of factors, exams drawing near, burnout of activists but also in my opinion to the priority some activists have placed on building left-leninist parties. This has consumed some of their fairly limited time in an activity secondary to our main task of rebuilding a militant student movement out of the rubble.



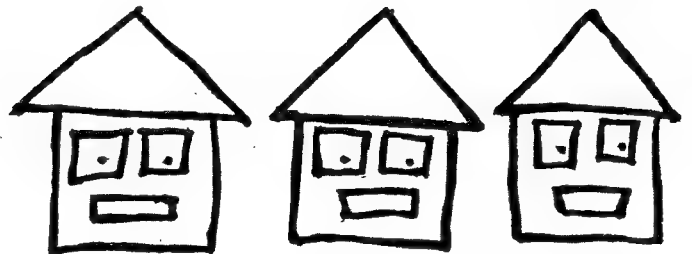
The ALP's strategies for increasing profits extend beyond reducing real wages and introducing a de facto Work for the Dole scheme, the same rat who's destroying CYSS's is also destroying a socially critical and accessible education system.

THE ARCHITECTURE OF PATRIARCHY

When you walk down a suburban street, what do you see? A row of houses, right? Why are the houses all the same? Oh but they're not. Some have two bedrooms, some have three, and some have four. Doesn't that kinda limit peoples domestic arrangements? Huh? I mean, if you only have a 2, 3 or 4 bedroom house, you can't exactly live (comfortably) with 10 or 15 people, can you?

Acording to patriarchy, everyone is supposed to live in a nuclear family - the MAN, his wife (or woman) and his kiddies. This arrangement requires only 2, 3 or 4 bedroom houses. Thus the preponderance of this type of architecture is the bricks and mortar reinforcement of patriarchial values. To some extent, different social domestic arrangements can also fit into these types of living quarters. But only to some extent.

Patriarchy does not only affect the way we think, feel and act, it affects the physical structures in which we are forced to live. They say you can make a house a home. But what if there is something drastically wrong with the houses in the first place? What if its very structure implies that you should live in domestic types of relationships which you reject?



One thing people can do is reject the architecture of patriarchy. By living in places that are not supposed to be used for domestic purposes e.g. empty factories, warehouses, schools, hospitals, churches, or whatever you can think of or find. Some of these places have been empty for years, and are not being used for anything. Squatting in them not only allows you to try-out different domestic arrangements, its also cheaper than renting or buying. (Squatting is where you just move into an empty place that is being wasted, and you put it to good use, without any legal contracts with the owner - there is a squatters union of victoria, phone 481-8097 to find out more about squatting).

We don't have to live in nuclear families and we don't have to live in nuclear family houses if we don't want to.

Annette.

From someone on a tram.

The Assistant-Commissioner was Lewis,
The Assistant-Commissioner for Crime,
He assisted'n assisted'n assisted,
And assisted them,time after time.

CHORUS:

Come all you screw warders & jailors,
'N Assistant Commissioners for crime
Bolt,if you don't,you'll be buckled,
In Boggo you'll serve out your time.

And other Commissioners assisted,
So Lewis ,his burden could bear,
You can't expect him to do everything,
Long as each one does his share.

The Assistant-Commissioner was Parker,
Apologized cause he was nervous,
His bribe was one hundred thousand,
And the Queen's Medal for Distinguished
Police Service.

A crucifix Parker was clutching,
Its colours were silver & black,
The Christ was thin & looked tortured,
Like a victim of Terry's rat pack.

"By Jesus Christ I'm no liar,"
Says parker,"By Christ I'm no sham.
By Jesus Christ I'm telling the truth,
Yes,by Jesus Christ I am."

chief of the pack was Sir Terence,
The Queen made him Knight of the realm,
Better know'n as the grabber of the
Gabba,

The right man to have at the helm.

From Charleville Joh quickly recalled
him,
Said"Terry,this brothel's for you,
Make sure you've a peanut-shaped quandon
quondong,
Whenever I come for a screw."

Joe's John musters sheep in pyjamas,
Rides motorbikes down cliffs at night,
It's called Yama-ha-ha abeiling,
It's great,but you must hold on tight.

When your hurtling down thru thru the
heavens,
Hold tight with your heel & your toe,
When you land with a crunch at the
bottom,
Both of your aggotts might go.

Now three rats don't make up a Rat Pack,
And a pack of big rats beats the cat,
And a Rat Packis held by a Giant Rat,
Don't any of you worry about that.

Threats,bribery violence,corruption,
By 'Knights of the Realm'-lah-de-da,
And Gunnsays that he's"quite happy
With the results of the enquiry so far."

I know that this life is a struggle,
'N I know that this life is a drag,
If Parker got atenth of a million,
How much was there left in the bag?

Now Herbet the bagman's been buckled,
The Federal Police,they got him,
If all of the bagmen were buckled,
Long Bay would be filled to the brim.

Now the power of lies & corruption,
We see it is not indestructible,
But,in,future, all bribes to policemen,
Joh says will be tax deductible.

Parkers bribe was one hundred thousand,
And the Queens Medal,you see.
What will they have to give Lewis?
The bastard will get the V.C.

Says Lewis-"If these things were proven,
I'd agone to the Bahamas last year."
"But Terry, if one tenth was proven,
All the Bahamas would rush over here."

The bribes to Sir Terence were generous,
While workers must count every crumb,
But Terry is laughing this morning,
He's got all his super to come.

Now,the people they know who the rats
are,
They felt their big boots in their back,
And one day the people will muster,
And settle accounts with the pack.

They're looking for oil East of Timor,
They're crushing the poor people there,
But the gusher they struck here in
Brisbane,
Went two thousand feet in the air.

When the workers of SEQUEB were sacked
here,
And battered & bashed in the street,
The Rat Pack was there in its glory,
With the blood of our mate on their feet,

The Assistant Commissioner was lewis,
The Assistant Commissioner for crime,
He assisted'n assisted'n assisted,
'N assisted them time after time.
There's the famous Expo'88 now,
'N I'm sure that we'll go to heaven,
But the Expo that really impressed me,
Was the Fitzgerald Expo 87.

The first Magna Carta's at Expo,
It boasts about Rights For All Men,
A strange place to have it in Queensland,
Cause the Nationals took'em all back
again.

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BZ RESISTS!

- news from denmark.

Copenhagen, Denmark, was the scene for a week of action organised by the BZ (squatt-ing) Movement. Between 6th and 13th May they held demos, actions and street theatre - including the painting over of a BZ wall mural on expensive flats in Ryesgade. The mural had been retained for 'cultural value' two years ago - the original squat had been evicted after a famous nine day seige.

these were removed and the occupation was to end. But, battle dressed cops had sealed off the street and cops swamped the area. A representative of local residents informed the cops that the BZ-ers were peacefully leaving. The police were then ordered to attack and arrest all demonstrators! Many were beaten and 21 arrested. All were later released.



The week of action had been called to show that the BZ movement will not be silenced or criminalised by a blood thirsty press. Nor will their anti-capitalist, anti-imperialist resistance end.

VIOLENCE

On the final day, 13th May, a house in central Copenhagen was peacefully occupied. The street was then barricaded. Following discussions between themselves and local residents

RAIDED

Immediately afterwards a large force of riot, military and Special Branch cops raided the 'Youth House' a large centre for gigs, meetings, relaxation and *ORGANISING RESISTANCE*. The raid was to look for 'stolen paint'!! After being militantly defended all nineteen people present at the time were arrested and charged collectively for *accessory to violence* (one later released because of her

age). A charge similar to that used against the Sharpville 6, since there is *no evidence* against them individually.

To show their anger at the cops actions, a group of people barricaded one of Copenhagen's main thoroughfares. The ensuing battle with police was successful - no arrests, two sergeants hospitalised, one burnt out cop van and four captured riot shields!

The squat in Baldergade they withdrew to was surrounded by riot cops. Their repeated attempts at storming the building were all successfully resisted. The cops were later forced to withdraw to deal with the spontaneous solidarity actions all across the city.

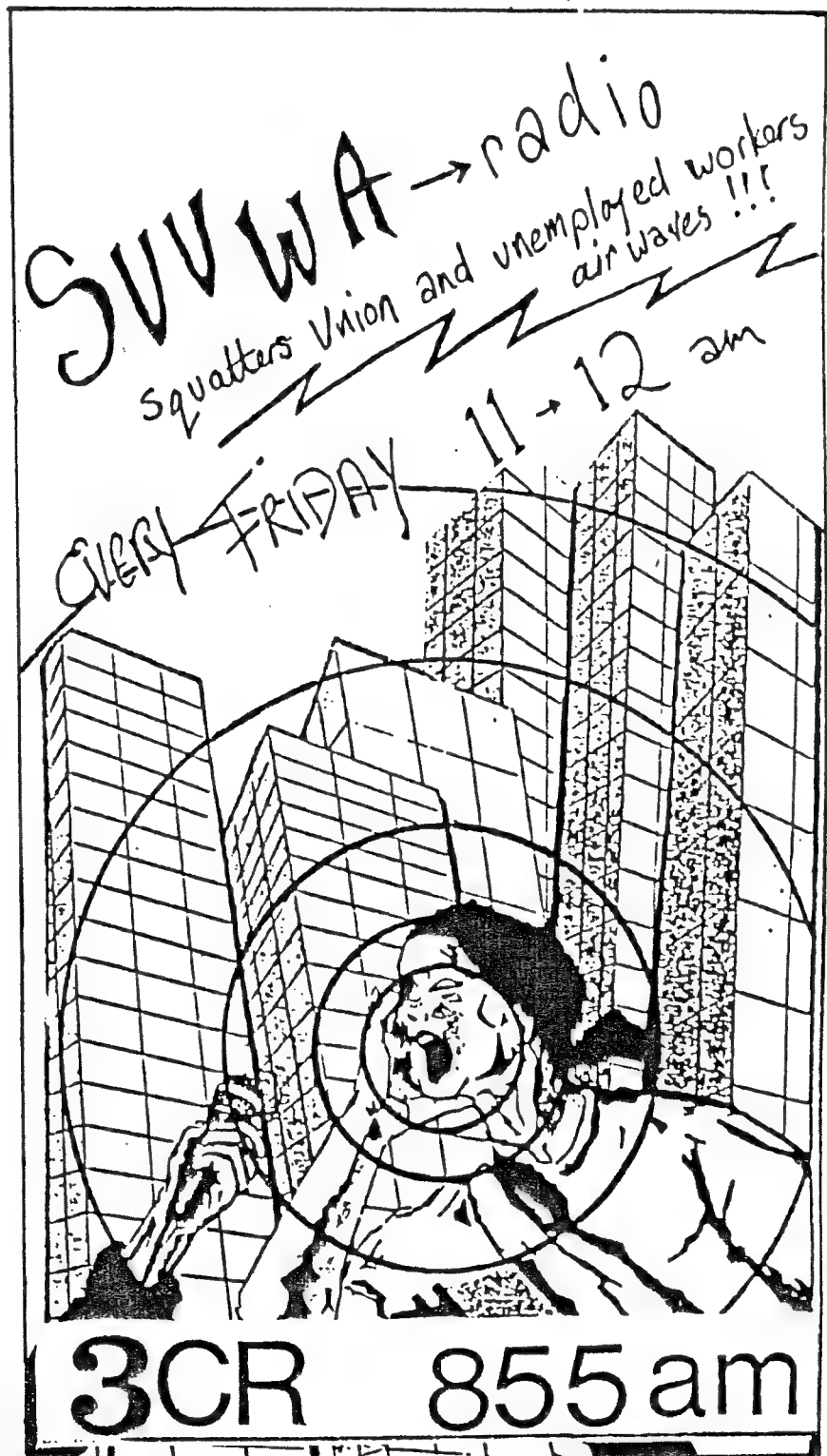
The eighteen prisoners were later released. They had been kept in touch with events via the two pirate radio stations set up during the week of action. The demos and solidarity had undoubtedly quickened their release.

A 'hands off the BZ-ers' demo on 20th May passed without incident - despite police intimidation and harassment.

THREATENED

The BZ house in Baldergade is now under threat of imminent eviction. After the hard lessons of Ryesgade the BZ-ers are preparing to defend the house - and all it represents. Barricades are being improved and local residents kept in touch with what's happening.

NEWS FROM N.Z.
A man was fined \$50 yesterday by a New Zealand judge for throwing a bucket of thoroughbred horse manure at a car carrying King Juan Carlos of Spain during a state visit earlier this year. The man is an ardent anti-royalist.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

IRELAND

TÍRED OF HOMELESSNESS?
So were a group of four people in Belfast. They decided that squatting would solve their housing problems.

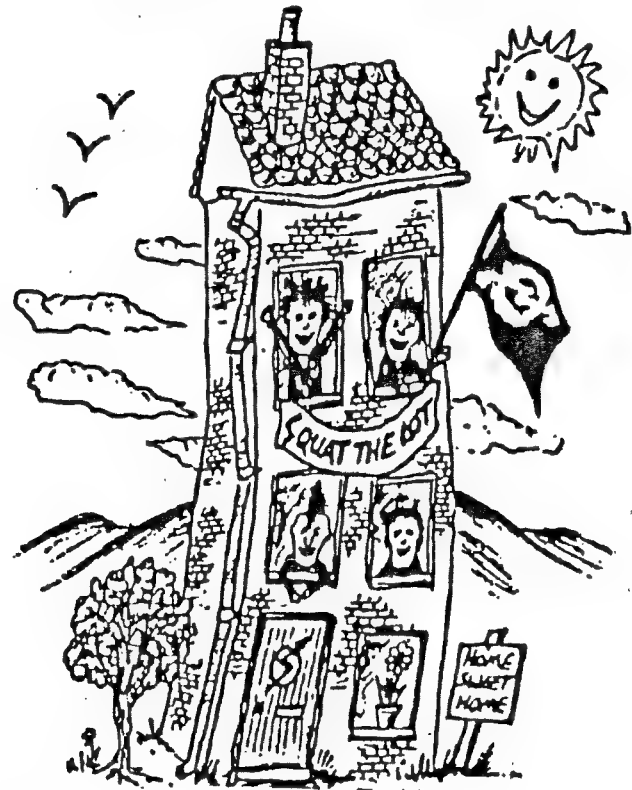
They spoke to a legal centre who told them that there was already 1,000 'legal' squatters in N. Ireland, mostly in the Bogside of Derry.

They chose a house in the neutral holyland area.

After three trouble free weeks the landlord accidentally found out. The police were very nasty and gave them half an hour to get out - or else! But they must have realised they were serious about having nowhere to go...the cops never came back! A week later they moved themselves due to renovation work.

Another house, a few streets away, was squatted - four months later five of them now live there. They are now busy compiling a list of all the empty houses in the area for others to squat

As they say themselves: "Even if we do get evicted we've still gained a home for the past five months AND learned that if you go out and try something you CAN get away with it" (And, the legal position is similar in Scotland).



meanwhile....
....in Spain.

In Barcelona around fifty young libertarians have started to collectivise unused buildings and land to set up anarchist ateneos (social/cultural centres). As we go to press the old Metal-Mazda factory has been taken over. They fear eviction from the building, which has been left derelict for more than three years. The occupation has inspired other, similar, occupations in Barcelona. With the Metal-Mazda occupation wide support has come from the neighbourhood.

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Tilsluttet IAA

IAA

Internationale Arbejder Association
International Workers Association
Asociación Internacional de los Trabajadores
Internationale Arbeiter-Assoziation
Association Internationale des Travailleurs

Dear comrades,

12 o'clock on the 8th of September we, the ASO, occupied the Australian Embassy in Copenhagen and declared it to be "Aboriginal Territory" in solidarity with the aboriginals of Australia. Our action took place in connection with the Australian authorities' celebration of the 200 anniversary of the British colonisation of Australia, or in other words the settlement of the worlds biggest open prison.

The aboriginals (people have lived in Australia for more than 40.000 years) were defeated, confined to missionary stations, used as slaves, considered to be third-rate subjects. They were robbed of their land and their possibility to live in harmony with their culture. This is why we raised the Aboriginal flag on the Australian Embassy. Yet we will be pleased to deliver their drap Copenhagen domicile back if the Australian authorities will meet the following claims:

- stop the politics of assimilation, give the aboriginal real self-determination
- start negotiations with delegates from the aboriginals about the land they have lost
- give the aboriginals part in the wealth stemming from the stolen land
- stop the killings of aboriginals in custody
- recognize the sacred places of the aboriginals.

Yours sincerely

the above was delivered to the Danish press. More info follows. We also produced an information sheet for the lazy bastard journalists to use. The sheet was based on Whitewash and other sources. We will be having a public meeting this evening. A short report will follow.

Yours in struggle

Peter



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Dear Squatters Union,

Thanx for your help

with my assignment for school on squatting. I got 10/10 for it. But it doesn't matter about the mark b/c it's just a teachers asesment of my work.

The best thing was the oral report, I managed to convince some people that homeless people needed to squat, to be able to survive [quite an achievement when half the class didn't know what the words homeless or solidarity were.] I think your service is very worthy and I'm sure very appreciated. I'm lucky to have a home [with my aunt and uncle] but I know others who aren't and that's why we should all stick together...

(so she went on to tell us about this huge empty home, vacant for years... good on her...)

Thanx again,

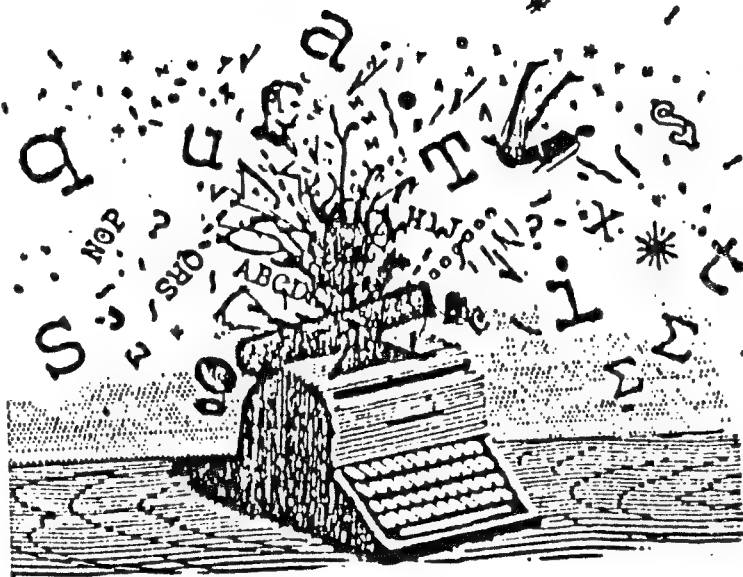
Love, Liberation and Freedom,

R.

Ps. Squat It # 14 was excellent!

Pps: here's a poem for squat it...

letters...



Send yours to Squat It
#301 St Georges Rd.
North Fitzroy 3068

Parliament House- What a potential squat
But the selfish barstards would rather
see it rot

Take a stand, squat a house and don't
listen to their authoritarian command.

People homeless everywhere
But the rich don't even care!

What right have they, with their conservative ways
Fight back and squat a house today.

Left in the gutters to rot
And the rich tell you not to squat.

The kitty has no money
The rich man thinks it's so funny.

JURA News

110 Crystal St, Petersham, 2049.

Well, it finally came together. Money flowed in at the last gasp and we managed to just cover the legal costs at settlement. It was really heartening to see people rally around.

After a lot of time, effort and outside support, Jura Books now
has a permanent base!

The new shop hours will be

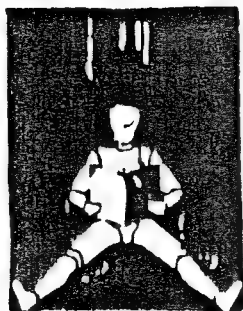
Mon-Wed: 11 am - 6 pm

Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm

Thursday and Friday: 10 am - 7.30 pm

Sunday: Closed

With much of the fund raising campaign over, we can now get back into extending our activities again. Future newsletters will have more space for what is happening around Jura Books. The next Jura News will have a list of recently arrived titles.



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NSW AUSTRALIA

Dear Squatters Union of Victoria,

We are setting up an anti- authoritarian news agency in Sydney. Our aims are to act as the Australian office of Ecomedia - a world - wide news network - and to establish a news network for New South Wales.

As part of the Ecomedia network, we will receive regular news bulletins from all around the world, which we will pass on to subscribers. We will also be gathering news from around Australia and sending out regular bulletins to the rest of the Ecomedia network.

Obviously, we can't keep in touch with everything that's going on around Australia from Sydney, so we're writing to ask you if you're interested in helping us to set up an Australia-wide alternative news network.

What we have in mind is an office in each capital city working on a similar basis to the Sydney office. We will handle the international links for the whole of Australia - to save money and keep it simple - and the offices in each state will act as collectors of local news which will be circulated around the other states as well as overseas (via Sydney) They will also act as distributors of national and international news to a network of subscribers within their state.

We're not asking you to take on the task of setting up an office in your state yourselves, although if you want to, it would be great! What we are asking for is your help in finding a group of people who would be interested in taking it on . You've got a lot more contacts there than we have!

Please write to us and tell us what you think of the idea and if you can help in any way. We will send you more details when we've worked them out.

We believe that until we can break the stranglehold that the ruling class has on the means of national and international communication, we can't even begin to make any lasting changes to the way we live.

The international ruling class has a massive and highly efficient communications network- Reuters, AAP, News International and many more. We must get organized and set up our own alternatives to their lying propaganda networks.

We're not alone. There are millions of people like us around the world, but the ruling class has kept us isolated from each other for too long. This is a step towards us all working together to take control of our own lives.

Love from Carol (Counter Information Collective)

* ASIO Agents don't have names

* ASIO Agents can't be photographed
(like vampires)

* ASIO Agents are only ASIO Agents
to each other.
To the rest of us they are Public
Servants.

* If I join ASIO I have to spend 24
hours with an ASIO shrink.

* ASIO Agents all have degrees.
If you don't have a degree you
may become a typist (although I
think this only applies to womyn)

* ASIO don't take American Independence
day public holiday, probably because
they haven't received independence
from the Americans yet.

* ASIO has a lower resignation rate
than the public service.
They weren't sure about suicide rate.

* ASIO is accountable to the gov't.
(although some agents weren't sure
how much they had to tell)
(actually they're officially
responsible to the Attorney-General
imagine Joe Bananas as A-G)

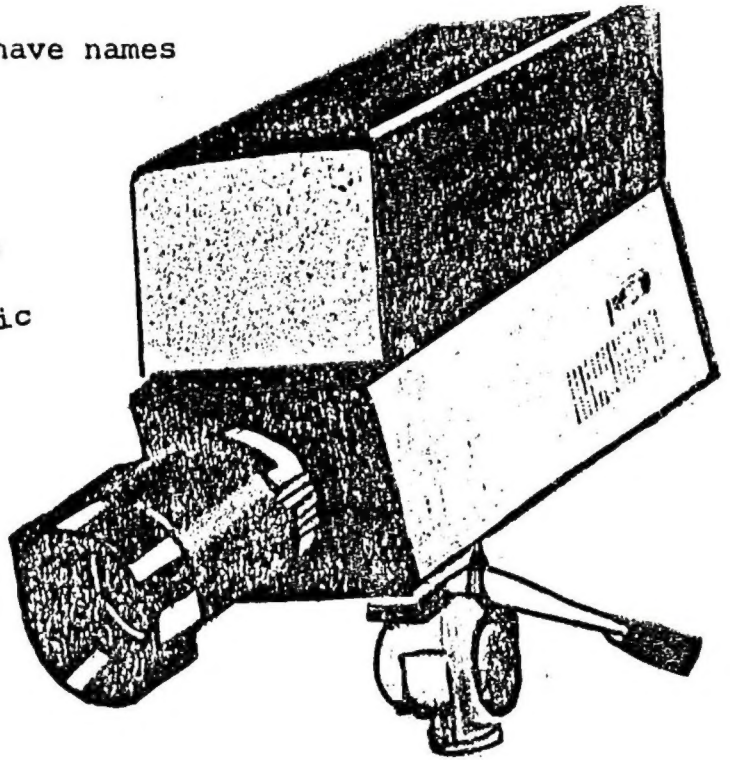
* One of the ASIO employees (oops I
mean public servants) didn't even
know who the current A-G is

* The A-G authorises all ASIO phone-
tapping - he must have very sore
fingers.

* One A-G (Lionel Murphy) had to raid
ASIO offices cause they forgot to
tell him stuff. (rude man, couldn't
he have waited till they were ready?)

* ASIO employees don't really know
who determines their policy, nor do
they have a full understanding of
their relationship with the gov't.

A truly ruly secret, secret service.



Your Parliamentary Press Gallery,
I'm told, will not write anything
unless it happens right under their
noses. Well my copy of Hansard shows
amendments to the ASIO Act that were
introduced through Parliament without
so much as a murmur from the Gallery.
(funny that) We could never get away
with it under Glasnost.

The changes soften the restraints on
what domestic targets ASIO can go
after. The '79 Act from the Fraser
gov't (remember him?) put severe
limits on what ASIO could consider
subversive activities. Now that
Hawkey Baby has his way these guide-
lines have been watered down without
surprisingly enough, any publicity
The Fraser Act confined domestic
surveillance to groups likely to be
involved in politically motivated
violence. Hawkey's changes say that
ASIO can make enquiries of matters
or persons "reasonably believed"
to be relevant to security. In a
major departure from the Fraser Act
it says that "acts of violence or
threats of violence are not a pre-
requisite."

These changes make a wider group of
political dissidents subject to
surveillance. It has the potential
to bring groups such as greenies,
unemployed protestors or anyone
with a weird haircut under ASIO's
thumb.

SU AIMS AND POLICY

- we are an organisation who aim to create and defend resident/community controlled housing.
- we have no leaders, all decisions are made thru consensus. Responsibilities are carried out on a voluntary basis by delegates who are answerable to the group.
- we are an autonomous group and remain independent of political parties, institutions, heirarchic unions and other organisations.
- we recognise the history of massacre and oppression of aboriginal people for land, and these peoples struggle for land rights and self determination.

WE AIM:

- to promote a clear understanding that it is the present system in which we live that creates homelessness.
- to promote solidarity amongst squatters, tenants and owner occupiers and to fight to abolish all authoritarian institutes such as the state (including it's socialist variety), capitalism, patriarchy and all heirarchic and oppressive divisions between people. We give solidarity to others involved in these struggles.
- to promote 'housing as aright' and to use all methods possible to combat homelessness and housing being used as a commodity.
- we aim for a free and equal society and to reflect these politics within the union.

EDITORIAL POLICY

***ALL contributions are welcome, however the SU asks that the interests of the Squatters Union be considered if you wish to have them published.

***.To assist in fast production of this magazine we request you type, or prepare, your own contributions in 8cm columns. Due to limited time and energy, priority will be given to typed/prepared submissions.

*** The SU requires that ALL articles be non-oppressive (eg. non-sexist, non-racist, non-ageist etc)

SQUAT it!
WOULDN'T WIPE
MY ARSE ON
ANYTHING
ELSE.



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....stop us going down

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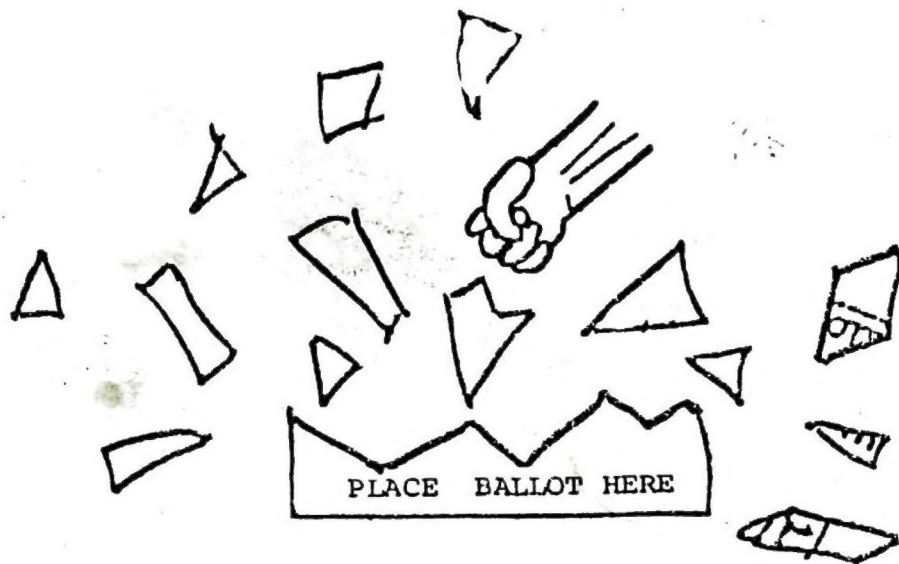
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3 YEARS

WAIT?...

....FOR WHAT!



IT IS EACH DAY THAT
WE MUST ACT